

Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations

U S C E N S U S B U R E A U

Helping You Make Informed Decisions



Today's Topics

- Regulatory Requirements
- SED Filing Methodology & Requirements
- Common Errors
- SED Exemptions
- Mandatory Filing via AES
- Outreach & Education



SED Legal/Regulatory Authority

Required under provisions of Titles 13 and 50, U.S. Code and codified as follows:

- **Statistics:**

- Foreign Trade Statistics Regulations,
15 CFR Part 30

- **Enforcement:**

- Export Administration Regulations,
15 CFR Part 730-764



SED Forms/Filing Methodology

- Commerce Form 7525-V
- Automated Export System (AES)
- *AESDirect*
- Canadian Data Exchange



When is a SED Required?(FTSR 30.1)

For virtually all shipments:

- To foreign countries
- Between the U.S. and Puerto Rico
- From the U.S. to U.S. Virgin Islands
- From Puerto Rico to U.S. Virgin Islands



What is a Shipment? (FTSR 30.6)

An SED Shipment is:

- Merchandise shipped from one U.S. principal party in interest (USPPI) to one consignee
- On the same flight/vessel to the same country on the same day
- Valued over \$2,500 or license required



PRIMARY SED PLAYERS

- Player # 1 - U.S. Principal Party in Interest (USPPI)
- Player #2 – Foreign Principal Party in Interest (FPPI)
- Player #3 – Forwarding Agent of USPPI or FPPI



Errors Found During SED Processing:

- Invalid or missing Schedule B Number
- No description of commodity
- Missing or consolidated value and quantity reported for multiple Schedule B Numbers
- Reporting shipping weight in pounds



Additional Errors Found During SED Processing:

- Illegible SEDs - handwritten, or computer generated
- Value of repair and warranty repair items reported incorrectly
- Using Bill of Lading as SED
- Sending SED continuation pages with no cover SED



Shipment Exempt From SEDs (FTSR 30.50 - 30.58)

- U.S. Military (30.52)
- \$2,500 or less per Schedule B number (30.55(h))
- Intangible exports of software & technology (30.55(n))
- Tools of Trade: hand carried, personal or company use, not for sale, returned within 1 year (30.56(b))
- Country of ultimate destination is Canada (30.58)



SED Exemption Statements

- Paper SED Exemptions -
FTSR 30.50 - 30.58
- AES Exemptions - FTSR 30.65
- Required on bill of lading, air waybill
or other loading document
- Reference FTSR Letter No. 168
(Amendment 1)
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SED Exemptions Do Not Apply

- Commerce (BIS) Licenses
- State Department Licenses
- T7 - Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Sudan, Syria, and Serbia(excluding Kosovo)
- Drug Enforcement Administration Permits
- Office of Foreign Assets Control



SED Retention

- For Census - Retain 5 years
- For other government licensing agencies - according to their regulations.



Mandatory AES

- Public Law 106-113, Title XII, “Security Assistance,” Subtitle E, “Proliferation Prevention Enhancement Act of 1999”
- Requires filing commodities on the Commerce Control List (BIS) and U.S. Munitions List (State), via AES
- Effective Early 2003



Outreach and Education

- U.S. Export Regulations Seminar
- \$150 - \$200 (location dependent)
- Census, BIS, Customs, State
- Remaining 2002 Schedule
 - San Francisco, CA Oct. 30, 2002
 - Baltimore, MD Nov. 20, 2002



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